

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2120 – HB 2406

March 29, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes special juvenile court clerks and general sessions court clerks who have juvenile court jurisdiction to collect a \$75 fee from any person who enters a plea of guilty; enters a plea of nolo contendere; is adjudicated at trial or whose case is handled under pretrial diversion or retirement; or who is found in violation of the terms or conditions of a probationary or valid court order. This fee shall be in addition to all other taxes, costs, or fines. The revenue from the collection of the additional fee shall be designated for creation or maintenance of new facilities for juvenile courts within the respective county of the court.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$3,000/Juvenile Courts/Permissive

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015142): Deletes all language after the enacting clause such that the substantive change is to limit the provisions of the legislation to Williamson County subject to a two-thirds vote by the Williamson County Board of Commissioners.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase Local Revenue –
Exceeds \$3,000/Williamson County Juvenile Courts/Permissive

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Any fiscal impact to Williamson County will occur as a result of a permissive action.
- The extent of any Williamson County permissive revenue is based upon multiple unknown factors including: (1) the number of juvenile offenders meeting the fee criteria, (2) the number of court clerks that will elect to collect a \$75 fee from offenders meeting the criteria, and (3) the number of juvenile offenders that will remit the \$75 fee.
- Given the extent of unknown factors, determining a precise estimate is difficult. However, it is reasonable to assume that Williamson County Board of Commissioners

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will vote to allow court clerks to collect fees in juvenile court and some court clerks will be able to collect fees.

- The permissive and recurring increase in revenue to Williamson County is conservatively estimated to exceed \$3,000 per year.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee" followed by the letters "RNC" in a smaller, cursive script.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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